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## JULY MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday  
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time: 6:15 p.m.  
Mess Call

place: Wyatt's Cafeteria  
Hancock Center

June's meeting was dedicated to the memory of two Southerners very important to Camp #59--Jefferson Davis, first and only President of the Confederate States of America, and Major George Washington Littlefield, Austin financier and illustrious member of the famed 8th Texas Cavalry, known affectionately as Terry's Texas Rangers. Cdr. Marlow Taylor gave a very informative talk on Colt pistols complete with examples to show.

This month the program will be brought by David Morris. Dave is a very integral part of this camp and wears many hats. He is a Past Commander having served four terms as Commander. He is the Color Sergeant for the camp, a position he willingly assumes. He is also the Commander of the Littlefield Battery, our public relations arm. He puts in many hours supporting the SCV, the memory of the Confederacy, and the Cause. Dedicated men like Dave are hard to come by. His topic

will be "The South in Northern Eyes" which will illuminate some of the writings which served to fuel the anti-Southern feelings leading to the separation. Y'all come!



## UDC CHAPTER CHARTERED

The Cross of Honor Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy received its charter in a ceremony at the Luling Country Club on Sunday, June 24th. The room was filled with ladies of the UDC, their family and friends. Cdr. Carl Lehmberg, South Texas Brigade Commander of the SCV was also in attendance. Men from Camp #59 took an active part in this ceremony. We were responsible for the Color Guard, and Greg Hector sang songs from the Confederate period. Five from Camp #59 and one of our almost members/good friends came to share: Greg Hector, Marlow Taylor, John Hagler, Bill Kaiser, Sam Cook, and Glenn Hadeler. The large crowd shared refreshments after the ceremony.





## DIVISION CONVENTION HISTORY

### FOR ANOTHER YEAR

The Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans met in convention in Midland on June 16th. It was ably hosted by the Midland Camp. Camp #59 furnished the Color Guard. We also had 6 delegates in attendance including the youngest--Todd Hector. Attending with Todd were Cdr. Marlow Taylor, David Morris, Kerry Hellums, Greg Hector and Bill Kaiser. Only the host camp had more delegates than we. The treasury reported our assets to be \$12,369.09

The Division voted to sponsor an Essay Contest to get High School students to read Southern and Confederate history. Certain constitutional amendments passed. A heritage brochure will be forthcoming in order to help combat attacks on the flags. A new brigade was added to the Division--the Central Texas Brigade. These Compatriots were elected to serve the Division for the 1990-91 year:

Commander.....Jim Vogler  
1st Lt.Cdr.....Bill Willmann  
2nd Lt.Cdr.....Greg Hector  
3rd Lt.Cdr.....Ben Reynolds  
East Tex. Brigade

Commander.....Brad Davis  
South Tex.B.Cdr.....Carl Lehmberg  
Gulf Coast B.Cdr....Tulane Gordon  
N.Tex.B.Cdr.....Coit DuBose  
W.Tex.B.Cdr.....Clyde Herron  
Cen.Tex.B.Cdr.....John Perry

Our camp presented the outgoing Div.Cdr. and the Commander In Chief with a set each of the Southern set of the 125th Anniversary Reenactment Medals. Past Cdr. Kerry Hellums will continue to serve as Division Color Sergeant and liason to the reenactment community.

## THE REBEL YELL

At the beginning of the War Between the States, there originated in the armies of the CSA a sound that became known as the "Rebel Yell". It was a war cry made by the Southern soldiers as they advanced in battle, and it has been described as an indescribable sound--half human, half-animal, part ghostly, which set terror in the hearts of the Yankees.

About 1934, MGM was making a picture entitled "Operator 13". The staff of the CIC of the Pacific Div. of the UCV was asked to reproduce the "Rebel Yell" by a Confederate Veteran to be used on the sound track of the motion picture. Gen. S.S. Simmons was the CIC and had served as a Courier in Stuart's 8th Va. Cav. He was over 90 years of age. He felt he could produce the yell. His voice is not heard on the film but was used to train a regiment of soldiers in a charge. The General accepted no remuneration for his services. MGM cooperated with the UDC in preserving the yell on a record.

According to one source the record was a cherished relic of the UDC and was kept in a fire-proof vault in St. Louis. Transcriptions had, from time to time, been made. It would be interesting to find out if this recording still existed.



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## TEXAS DIVISION EXPERIENCES

### PHENOMENAL GROWTH

At the Division Convention held in Midland, Division Commander Pete Orlebeke reported that the Texas Division had 1461 members which was up over 322 members over last year. This is over a 28% growth rate. In the last two years we have increased our members by 438. This represents a 53% growth. We have 23 camps now experiencing the addition of a new camp of one every three months on the average. Wonderful news, isn't it? Does this mean that we stop to relax? Absolutely not! We still need all the help we can muster. New members (and camps) are welcomed and needed. Who is this recruitment charged to? No, not just the officers of the Division or the camps, but to each and everyone of us. If we proudly wear our membership pins and talk of the Confederation, we cannot help but interest men in joining the Cause. Will you do your part? Remember, recruiting is everybody's business!

### CAMP WINS TWO MAJOR AWARDS

Camp #59 and its members won some awards given during the Banquet at the Midland Division Convention. Among those winning Honor Awards from the Division were Kerry Hellums and Greg Hector. Winning the Camp Growth Award because of their wonderful 89% increase in members during the past year was the Lane Camp #1455 of Longview. Named Confederate of the Year, an award which can be won only once, was the new 2nd Lt. Cdr. Bill Willmann. Texas Division Chaplain Frank Harrowing won the Deo Vindice Award. Our Camp won the Outstanding Community Service Award and the Distinguished Camp Award which was jointly won by us and the Longview Camp. Cdr. Taylor thanks all those who took time out of their busy schedules to make it possible for us to win these awards. He especially thanks the uniformed folk who take part in so many of these events. We couldn't win these or do the things we do without your help and support.

## SPECIAL NOTICE



### TEXAS CONFEDERATE MUSEUM

#### GRAND OPENING PREVIEW

After 100 years of being on the capitol grounds in Austin, the Texas Confederate Museum with its two million dollar collection of artifacts is relocating in Waco under the direction of the UDC as a part of the Helen Marie Taylor Museum Complex.

The Grand Opening Preview will be held in conjunction with Celebrate Waco weekend on July 14 & 15. The Littlefield Battery will join others in setting up period camping on the museum grounds under the old oak trees there. The SCV will also provide a Color Guard for the ladies when they dedicate a marker. Greg Hector has been chosen to be the program at the Confederate Banquet on the old suspension bridge Saturday evening.

During this special weekend all fees have been reduced or suspended at the 14 area museums including a pioneer village, Ft. Fisher and more. The ladies are in need of financial contributions to help with the increased costs of preserving and displaying our ancestor's artifacts. Membership in the Friends of the Texas Confederate Museum is available.

**CAMP**



## Congratulations

### WAR SERVICE MEDAL PRESENTED

At the June meeting, Compatriot WILLIAM E. (BUCK) TINSLEY was presented with the SCV War Service Medal for his service to his country in time of war. Buck was a Lt. Colonel in the army from 1942 to 1946. He served in the HQ of Gen. MacArthur in Tokyo and was a finance officer. Congratulations, Buck, and thanks for your patriotic service to your country in time of war.

These medals are available to those who served in the armed forces of the U.S. during times of armed conflict as specified by the VFW. The UDC also offers a like medal to the same men. For information on either, contact your Adjutant.

## BEAUVOIR

The Historic Last Home of  
*Jefferson Davis*

Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Shrine in Biloxi, Mississippi, has acquired the personal collection of noted historian, Dr. Francis A. Lord. This collection consists of many rare and valuable artifacts. It numbers around 1,500 pieces and is considered one of the largest and best known collections of Confederate and Union artifacts. Some of the pieces have been featured in such publications as Civil War Collector's Encyclopedia and the American Heritage Calendar. The artifacts will be used for research purposes and for exhibition to the public. Acquisitions of this scope, value and renown are almost unheard of today.

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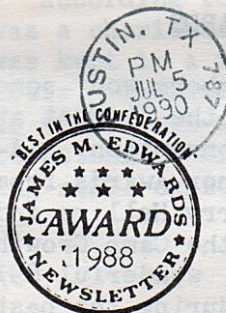
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